

# Federal Electronic Health Record Benefits

As the federal electronic health record (EHR) is deployed and enhanced, there will be many potential benefits for patients, health care professionals and the broader federal health care enterprise.



## PATIENT BENEFITS

A federal EHR will provide active-duty Service members, Veterans and other beneficiaries a single, continuous patient health record.

1

Reduces time spent repeating health histories, undergoing duplicative tests and managing printed health records

2

Supports beneficiaries with securely communicating with their care team

3

Tracks medications, vaccines, allergies and lab results in a single health care record

4

Increases access to health care professionals through modern telehealth patient portals

5

Provides easier access to military treatment information to support service-connected disability claims when transitioning from active duty to Veteran status



## END-USER BENEFITS

A federal EHR will enable health care professionals to access patient information from prior points of care.

1

Improves continuum of care by simplifying access to patients' medical records across different health care systems

2

Increases efficiency in sharing relevant medical information between multiple health care professionals and medical facilities

3

Gives access to reliable and relevant patient data with advanced decision support tools for improved clinical decisions

4

Aligns workflows with best practices using fewer systems

5

Enables a common user experience across facilities, reducing retraining when moving to different facilities



## ENTERPRISE BENEFITS

The federal EHR will help health care systems within the federal space and beyond effectively deliver health care and benefits.

1

Provides real-time analytics to enhance health care operations and drive innovations

2

Allows agile system improvements, reducing the time needed to respond to public health emergencies

3

Supports high-reliability principles and is able to better ensure behavior-based practices are incorporated into the processes and systems used by health care professionals

4

Helps reduce duplicate testing and procedures and configuration complexity

5

Sets a new standard for cybersecurity with an enterprise approach to protecting patient data